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SUBJECT: CLOSING DOWN OF SMTF IN SHABA

1. ALBERT AUCLAIR, MAURICE TEMPELSMAN'S REPRESENTATIVE IN LUBUMBASHI, TOLD EMBOFF ON VISIT TO BUJUMBURA APRIL 7-10 THAT DISMISSAL OF 6,000 EMPLOYEES IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT CLOSING DOWN OF COPPER CONSORTIUM IN SHABA (SMTF) HAD GONE AMAZINGLY SMOOTHLY. IRONICALLY, HE COMMENTED, HE HAD RECEIVED MORE COOPERATION FROM ZAIRE OFFICIALS IN THE DISMANTLING PROCESS THAN IN THE ORIGINAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT.

2. HE SAID THE SMTF CONSORTIUM WAS STILL HOPEFUL THAT OPERATIONS MIGHT BE RESUMED IN THE FUTURE DEPENDING BOTH ON ZAIRE'S GETTING ITS CRUSHING FINANCIAL PROBLEMS STRAIGHTENED OUT AND ON THE TREND IN THE COPPER PRICE WHICH RECENTLY HAS BEEN RCOING. THE CONSORTIUM WOULD PROBABLY SCALE DOWN A FUTURE OPERATION, HE SAID, FROM 130,000 TO 80-90,000 TONS OF COPPER.

3. AUCLAIR HIMSELF IS PLANNING TO LEAVE LUBUMBASHI IN TWO MONTHS TO GO BACK TO NEW YORK. HE WILL RETURN TO BUJUMBURA BEFORE HE DEPARTS TO INTRODUCE THE PERSON WHO WILL OVERSEE IN HIS STEAD
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TEMPELSMAN'S EFFORT TO FORM A BURUNDI NICKEL CONSORTIUM IN THE FUTURE. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE LARRY DEVLIN IN KINSHASA.

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